

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

You may be familiar with the saying "life comes at you fast". I can honestly say I resonate wholeheartedly with this statement. Graduation for the Class of 2025 this past May was the completion of a full, shared cycle: the graduates arrived as freshmen in my first year as President here at Mitty. It's hard to believe four years have passed, and every day I continue to learn, to grow, and to be inspired by the resilience, the heart, and the spirit of the Archbishop Mitty community.

As you review the pages of this issue of *Mitty Magazine*, I pray it gives you some insight into how our Catholic tradition inspires faith in our future. From their collective commitment to leadership, service, and justice, to the diversity and intellectual prowess of the Class of 2025, I hope their stories give you a peek into the challenging and nurturing educational experience we are able to offer our students. This academic year we celebrated sixty years of Monarch legacy, affirmed our diverse cultural community through music, dance, food, and photography, toasted to the lasting impact our unmatched athletic program has made locally and nationally, and immersed ourselves into the iconic world of Harry Potter on the Kinkade Stage. Because of their Mitty experience, our students are graduating as intellectually competent, just, faith-filled, respectful leaders. From the alumni who return to campus to share their career journeys as part of our *Pathfinders* program, to the alumni & friends who generously donated a collective \$1 million for the long-awaited revitalization of the four-acre field, to the proud alumni we've met at our regional receptions in Seattle, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco (and soon New York), it's safe to say the Monarch spirit of excellence is ever present.

In the spirit of Brother Herman J. Fien, I extend a very special thank you to our parents who work in daily partnership with us. These parents show up in many ways and, most especially, in the form of our Archbishop Mitty Parent Association (AMPA), our parent volunteer association. This year alone, this dedicated group of parents totalled upwards of 300 volunteers who logged over 1,100 hours of service across 33 events, including April's joy-filled *Mitty Auction: Denim & Diamonds*. These heroes go too often unsung; and I couldn't be more grateful for their gracious and generous support. It is this spirit of philanthropy that makes us who we are.

Thank you, Monarchs, for sharing this faster-than-we-could-imagine, action-packed year with us. Your ongoing commitment and investment of time, treasure, and of most consequence, love, for our Archbishop Mitty community is a welcome respite and truly makes this all possible.

May God immensely bless you and your families and as always, Go Monarchs!

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